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Please prepare coordinated plan for forwarding by DCI.

Executive Secretary

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TOP SECRET/SENSITIVEEYES ONLYMEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of DefenseTHE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central IntelligenceSUBJECT: Improved Intelligence on Arms Deliveries to
Nicaragua (TS)

On June 2, the President authorized specific actions to interdict the flow of seaborne arms in Nicaragua. Adverse weather conditions in the Nicaraguan port areas have prevented our overhead systems from providing coverage adequate to launch these capabilities. Given the duration of the rainy season in the region, it is unlikely that we will be able to provide accurate/timely information on the El Bluff or Corinto areas by these means in the immediate future. (TS)

If the activities which the President has approved are to succeed, we must urgently explore alternative collection methods. Would you therefore, in concert, determine whether we can, through coordinated DOD and CIA resources, improve on our collection against these arms shipments. (TS)

We should seek to develop a coordinated plan which considers:

- Priority ELINT collection/dissemination against arms transport shipping.
- Full utilization of NOSIC data on merchant ship movements.
- The use of SSNs which could react to specific targets, confirm locations, and relay pertinent data to those who would attack the target. (TS)

It is well recognized that such a commitment will detract from other missions for our limited SSN and ELINT assets. Despite these limitations, our interdiction effort must be given a priority if we are to improve prospects for El Salvador and slow the pace of arms build-up in Nicaragua. (TS)

Would you please forward your coordinated plan for review by the President by July 15, 1983. (TS)


William P. Clarkcc: GEN John W. Vessey, Jr., Chairman, JCS
LTG Lincoln D. Faurer, Director, NSATOP SECRET/SENSITIVE
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